

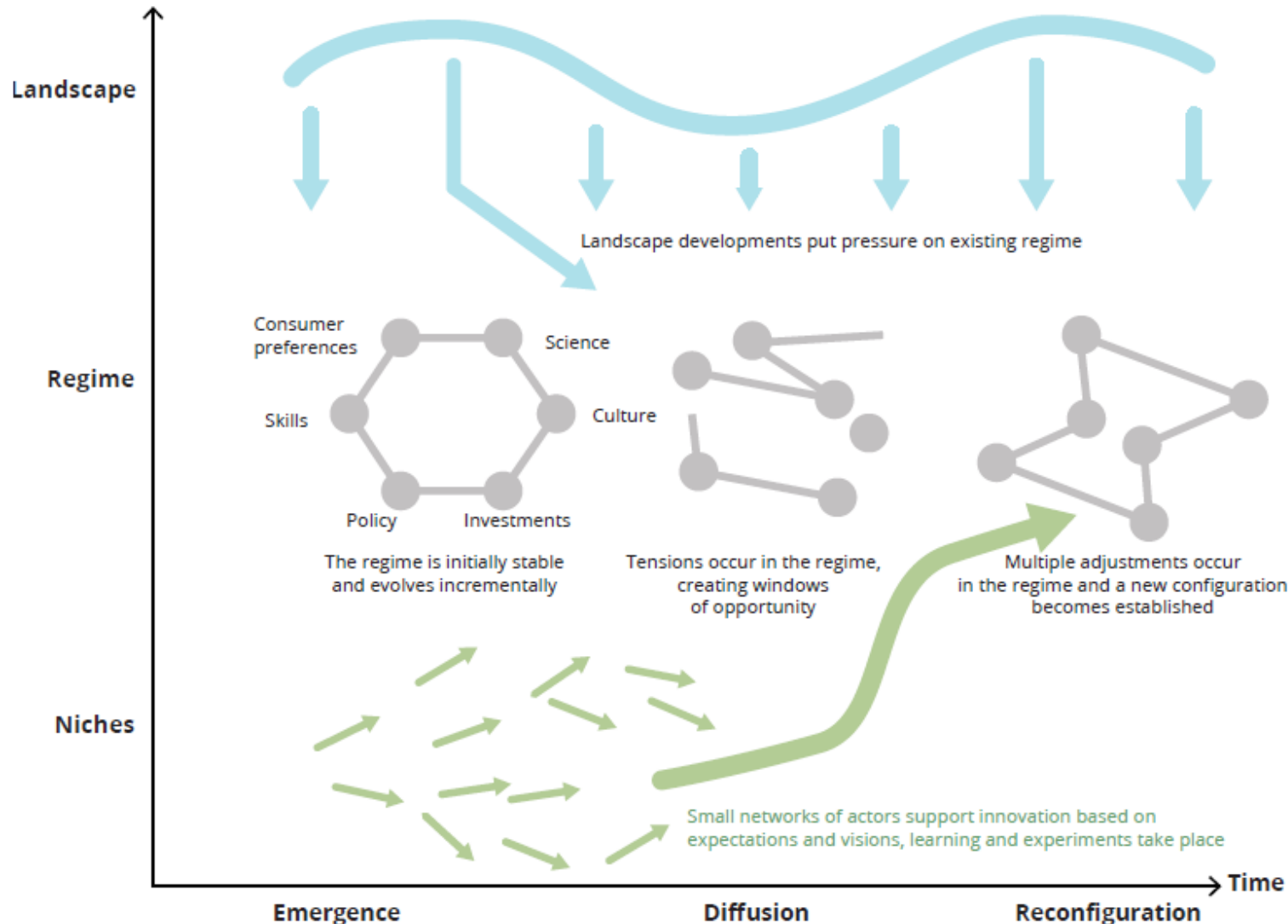


Circular Cities and Regions Initiative

ECESP Coordination Group meeting, 16/3/2021

*DG Research & Innovation – European Commission
Unit C1 - Circular Economy & Bio-based Systems*

Circular Economy transition



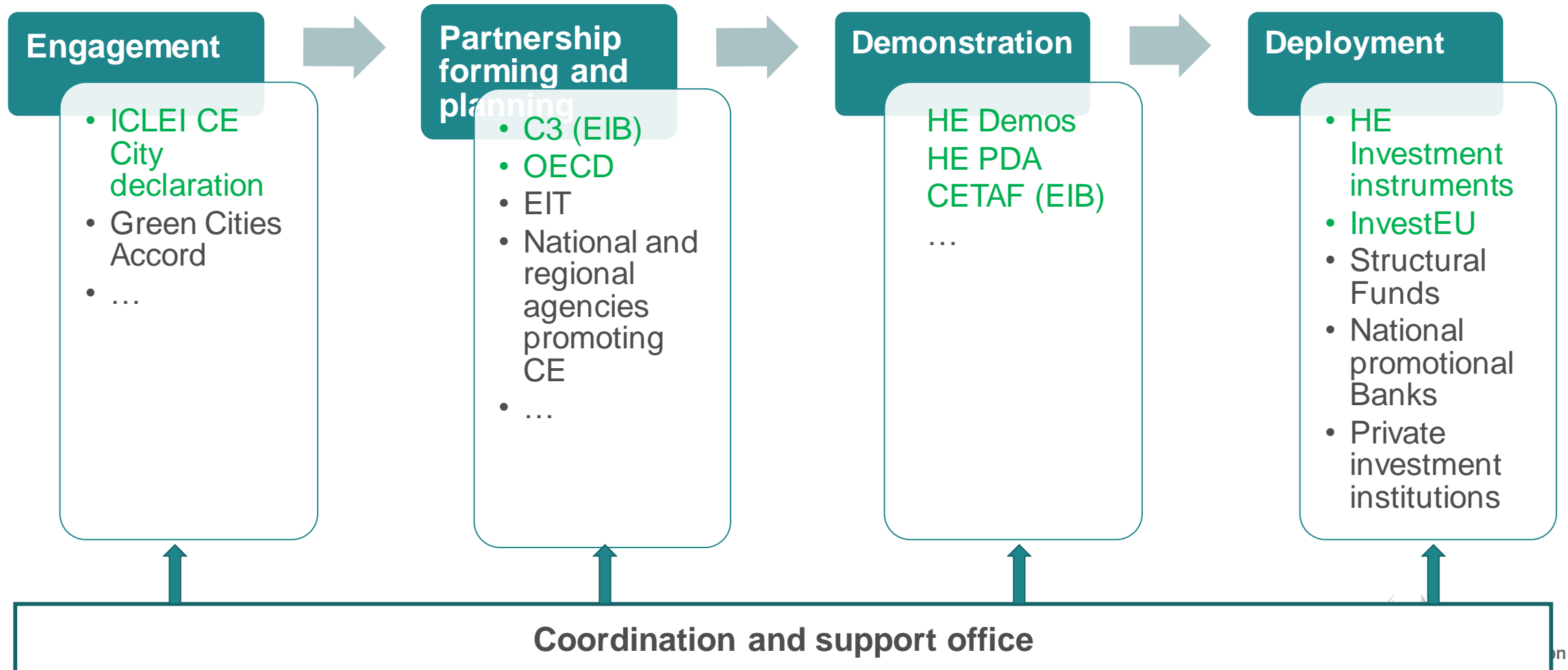
- Strategic objective in place & policy under development
- Focus on priority material streams, product categories and industrial sectors
- Lack of support to regional initiatives
- CE transition as societal innovation => use of R&I funds justified

Circular Cities and Regions Initiative

A scheme to support deployment of circular economy at regional scale

- Focus on systems and value chains rather than technologies, individual companies or products
- Comprehensive support during the life cycle of CE regional initiatives
- 250-300M Euro in 2020-2024, possible extension in 2025-2027
- Financial support to demonstration projects (similar to GDC call)
- Different forms of technical assistance delivered via Horizon Europe and collaborating organisations (EIB, OECD, ...)
- Informal (non-institutionalised) collaboration arrangements
- Target groups: consortia of regional authorities, industry, RTOs and citizens organisations

Life-cycle of a regional CE initiative



CCRI implementation plan 2021

3Q 2020-1Q 2021:

- EC: Green Deal Call - CE regional demonstration call
- ICLEI: CE Cities Declaration

2Q 2021:

- Formal agreements (delegation and grant agreements) with EIB and OECD
- Involvement of other support organisations
- Coordination and support office set up

3-4Q 2021:

- HE call – CE regional demonstration
- HE call – CSA on project development assistance
- EIB CETAF grants
- Start of C3
- Selection of the pilot group of regional CE initiatives